

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA

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On April 22, 2008 the Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) selected a preferred location for its planned South Region Middle School No. 3 in the unincorporated County community of Walnut Park. While I am in full support of a Middle School for this community, I am concerned that the LAUSD Board has prematurely selected this preferred location without taking the time to receive sufficient input from the affected community, without adequately considering the impacts this project will have on the community, and without adequately considering alternative sites. The proposed location includes established single-family, multi-family and commercial structures, some of which are historically significant. The siting of a school at this location may have significant traffic, noise and other impacts on the community and must be carefully considered before a final decision is made to construct the school. Because of its potential impacts on the unincorporated Walnut Park community as well our streets and other infrastructure, it is important for the County to fully participate in the required environmental review process that the school must undertake

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under state law before making a final decision to build a school at this location.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE, that the CEO, in conjunction with County Counsel, the Departments of Public Works and Regional Planning, and any other appropriate County departments, actively participate in the environmental review process for South Region Middle School No. 3, including making appropriate comments to the LAUSD Board on behalf of the County during that process, and report back to the Board of Supervisors with any recommendations as to appropriate administrative or legal actions to take as a result of the adequacy of LAUSD's environmental review process and documentation, as well as the adequacy of LAUSD's compliance with other relevant legal requirements in connection with the siting of the school.

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